



<u>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</u>

Certificate of Mailing by "First Class Mail"

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In re Application for:

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FOR REGULATING FAS-ASSOCIATED APOPTOSIS Examiner: D. Romeo

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Box AF Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 17, 1999, in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this Action was originally due on June 17, 1999. A Petition for Extension of Time for one month and appropriate fee is submitted herewith. The due date for the response is now July 17, 1999. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

I. AMENDMENTS

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 53 and 57, without prejudice or disclaimer.